

CHAPTER NO. 731

SENATE BILL NO. 3019

By Mr. Speaker Wilder

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2970

By Tidwell, White, McDaniel

AN ACT To name the bridge spanning Eagle Creek on State Route 114 in Wayne County the "Louish B. Thompson Bridge".

WHEREAS, The Thompson family, longtime residents of the Eagle Creek Community, were among the first families to settle Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Louish B. Thompson, a member of that family, served valiantly in World War II, returned to farm in Wayne County, served as an employee of the Wayne County Highway Department, and worked with TVA on clearing land in the Clifton area; and

WHEREAS, The Wayne County Commission considers it appropriate and fitting to name the Eagle Creek Bridge on State Route 114 in Wayne County in honor of Mr. Louish B. Thompson; and

WHEREAS, The Wayne County Commission has petitioned this legislative body to so name Eagle Creek Bridge for Mr. Thompson, and this General Assembly concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Eagle Creek on State Route 114 in Wayne County between Clifton and Clifton Junction is hereby designated as the "Louish B. Thompson Bridge".

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation shall erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Louish B. Thompson Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. (1) This act shall become operative only if Wayne County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Wayne County shall make such payments prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to

Wayne County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Wayne County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) Wayne County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 1, 2002



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 8th day of May 2002



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